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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1882.

ONE of the most interesting events of our racing season is the public auction of discarded race ponies which is held annually, a few days after the race meeting. The fountain in front of the City Hall, specially granted by the Captain Superintendent of Police, is the scene, Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD, & Co. the Hongkong Tattersalls. Shortly before four o'clock on Friday afternoon a large crowd, comprising the major portion of our sporting community, had assembled in front of the City Hall, and were scrutinising with more or less interest the jockeys which were catalogued for disposal under the hammer. The assemblage was, of course, a motley one, and included a very large number of onlookers, to a very small proportion of buyers. Several gentleman jockeys whose figures are well known in the saddle on every race course in China were there; some of them intent on business, others languidly watching the final act of the Hongkong sporting drama of the current year. A Portuguese nobleman from Macao is affording some amusement by his extraordinary antics. He is a little man, keen and active in his movements, and from his general "get up" and heavy spurs we at once infer he is a horsey character. Accompanied by the Portuguese Consul General, and a tall, handsome gentleman of military appearance, our little friend is going the round of the ponies, carefully inspecting each individual animal in a manner we had never previously witnessed. Thumping one pony in the ribs, lifting up the forelegs of another and tapping the hoof with his clenched fist moving a third backwards and forwards in most eccentric fashion, may be the Portuguese custom of examining horses, but it looks strange to English eyes, and we are afraid in the present instance it not only afforded food for gossip and caused great amusement but will be found in the long run thoroughly deceptive, so far as practical results are concerned. The big little man in the sombrero and spurs is, however, in his element, and enjoying himself apparently, and although he is being generally laughed at, that in no way disturbs his equanimity. He presently approaches Second Cornet with a jaunty step, but beats a hasty and somewhat ignominious retreat, amidst the jeers of the crowd, when that noble savage rears up and rushes at him open-mouthed. The opportune arrival of the officiating auctioneer, Mr. G. R. LAMBERT, who is acting for Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., puts an end to the preliminaries and opens the ball in earnest.

"How much for Wild Race, winner of last year's Derby; five dollars, going at five, ten, fifteen, twenty-five dollars for the Derby winner, going for twenty-five" and the handsome grey, which compassed the Derby course a year ago in 3 minutes 4 seconds, is, after a short palaver, knocked down to Mr. C. H. HURCHINGS, his destination being one of the Coast Ports where he is likely enough to win races. "Dan's" pet lamb, the blood-like Redstart, is the next lot, and this gay deceiver looks the thorough gentleman as he steps daintily along with head erect, showing himself off to the very best advantage. Fifty dollars is the first offer for the winner of the Canton Cup, Navy Plate, and Consolation Stakes in bye-gone years, and he is quickly run up to a hundred and ten, at which figure "the demon" secures him a rare bargain for the Foochow Spring Meeting. "Make way there," shouts Mr. LAMBERT, "make way for Wild Sell; there can be no question about this being a first class animal, winner of the Nil Desperandum, just the sort of animal for the 'Dragoon Cavalry' of Macao. Now, gentlemen, how much for this first class racer?" After a deal of hesitation five dollars are offered, and by dint of the auctioneer's persuasive eloquence, bids are slowly tendered until twenty-five dollars from the Portuguese Consul General clinches the matter, and the speedy grey is knocked down, his destination being the Macao Police department. Lame Duck excites little attention, although the competition between a well known young athlete and a Chinese purchaser produces some amusement, and when the Celestial cries a go at ten dollars, leaving Mr. KERRICK's lame subscription griffin to pass into the youngster's hands at an advance of one dollar on that sum, a hearty laugh is heard all round the ring. Bohemian, after a smart competition between his old jockey and Mr. NICKELS, is knocked down at less than half his value to the first named, and should be heard of to advantage when meeting second class cattle in Foochow or Amoy. That arch-impostor Bavarian looks a dear purchase to "Dan's" at twenty dollars; but as that astute individual afterwards succeeded in disposing of his purchase to the Macao commissioners at a clear profit of fifty, his speculation was a somewhat lucky one. Well might one exclaim "how have the mighty fallen" when old Wild Surf, clever winner of a Shanghai Griffins, but now a mere wreck of a race-pony, was sold into drudgery for eight dollars. Would not a friendly bullet, under the circumstances, have been a better fate for the faithful slave that had rendered such good service in his palmy days? We think it would. White Stockings, with all the makings of a first class hack and carriage pony was sold cheap at 45 dollars; and then the fiery Phantom fell to the nod of a Chinaman for five Mexican dollars, his destination being a Canton restaurant.

The slashing Dunrobin, for whom Tails 500 were refused last summer, suffering from a hacking cough that was painful to listen to, was no great catch to the Macao police for 95 dollars, although if he only gets over his cough he may prove a useful animal, as he is a splendid trotter with grand action. Airle, winner of the Victoria Plate, and powerful enough to carry 155, to bounds, was not a dear purchase at 120, although this pony has seen rather too many summers ever to hold his own racing in good company. Still he has a grand turn of speed, and with an unrivalled capacity for carrying weight he might win his now owner a sprint race or two at one of the out-ports. The racing-like Second Violin naturally attracted great attention; but although 320 dollars were offered for the speedy bay, the reserve was not reached and he was sent back unsold. The handsome Lord of the Isles being withdrawn, and no offer being made for the roan Second Cornet, a draft from Mr. GRAY-JOST's team comprising Shot, Grenade, and Coningsby were next disposed of for 50, 55, and 50 respectively, the last named "screw" falling to the bid of the gentleman with the sombrero and spurs, for the "Dragoon Cavalry" of Macao. A shapely bay griffin, perfectly sound and broken to side saddle, was a bargain at a century to a well known "crack" cricketer, who has frequently done the Garrison good service in the tented field, and who will find his new purchase a useful sort of nag in Singapore. Mountain Dew, one of the Eyo griffins, passed into Celestial hands at the low figure of 14 dollars, and then Souter-Johnny and Lochiel—the latter with a pair of gammy-looking fore-legs which fully explains this handsome pony's extraordinary deterioration on the race course—were returned unsold, although the latter afterwards joined the Macao contingent at an outlay of 90 dollars: Whisper, a very handsome iron grey that broke down in his near fore fetlock when running for the Valley Stakes, will make a very pleasant hack if he can be kept sound, which is doubtful; however, he was cheap enough at half a century. An eminent local solicitor, who at one time owned old Steamboat, secured a rare bargain in Strathista at 100, the quondam favourite for last year's Derby, notwithstanding his being rather slab-sided, possessing excellent shapes, and undeniable action, besides being as quiet as a sheep. Another lame one—Don Enrique's grey subscription griffin that was sent down from Shanghai dead lame—at a cost of forty dollars joined the band of cripples secured for the Macao police; and then old Dauntless, deeply fired on both forelegs but perfectly sound, failed to reach his reserve, and joins Lord of the Isles and Robbie

Burns in their summer retirement. Pedrillo changed hands for a mere song; but the handsome Jet reached 75 dollars before the hammer fell, although he is a complete "screw," and blessed with a temper besides. The bonny bay Sub Rosa was one of the bargains of the sale at 90 dollars, for the winner of the Broker's Cup is as handsome as paint, and should make a splendid trap-pony. The lame Thunder was well sold at 40, and after a few saddles, carriages, &c., had been disposed of, the curtain finally fell on the eventful racing season of 1881-82.

According to the *Daily News*, the power given to the North Borneo Company to farm out for revenue purposes the right to sell opium in the company's territories has excited a good deal of unfavourable criticism in this country. It does not appear that the cultivation of opium is actually contemplated, although there is apparently nothing in the charter which prohibits the company from growing the poppy, and thus entering into competition with the Indian monopoly. At the present moment there is much controversy going on in this country as to the moral and economic questions involved in the cultivation and sale of the poppy by the Government of India; and until some definitive conclusion on this subject has been arrived at, it is manifestly undesirable to commit the nation to any new recognition of the existing system. The charter also gives power to the company to farm out for revenue purposes the right to sell salt. This is also a matter which calls for further explanation. Salt is a Government monopoly in India; and the heavy taxation imposed by the exigencies of the Indian Exchequer upon that prime necessary of life is one of the chief grievances of the humbler classes in India. It may be reasonable enough for the North Borneo Company to raise revenue from salt as well as opium, but the fact—if it be one—is not so self-evident as to pass unchallenged. Then, with regard to slavery, the charter provides that no Europeans shall be permitted to own slaves, but they are not prohibited from employing slaves owned by natives. It is proposed gradually to abolish the slavery which exists in the country, but gradual emancipation is a process unknown to British law. If North Borneo is in any real sense British territory, slavery ought at once to cease to exist wherever British courts exercise authority. If an evil institution of this kind is allowed to take root in the new settlements, its ultimate removal can hardly fail to become both difficult and dangerous. These are questions of considerable gravity, and the public will await with no little interest the explanations which the Government will make when Mr. DILLON brings the subject forward in the House of Commons.

THE Paris Court of Appeal has given a judgment in a case concerning an English merchant which should be a warning against transacting business with married ladies, even though they may happen to be of high rank. The case is briefly this. On the 22nd of October, 1880, the Duchess of Bauffremont executed a document duly drawn up by a solicitor, acknowledging her liability to M. Emmanuel, described as a merchant of London, in the sum of 118,714 francs 25 centimes, and agreeing to repay the same in five instalments, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum. On default being made when the first instalment became due proceedings were taken ending in an execution upon a portion of the Duchess's furniture. A claim was then preferred to submit the matter to a Judge in Chambers, on the ground that the property seized was included in the marriage settlement of the Duchess, and therefore was inalienable. The Judge referred to decided in favour of the Duchess, but granted a case for the Court of Appeal, which confirmed his decision, leaving M. Emmanuel to pay the costs.

A MEMORIAL has been prepared by the Russo-Jewish Committee for presentation to the Czar, in which the Emperor's attention is directed to the recent outrages upon the Jews in his dominions, and praying that effective measures may be taken to protect the lives and homes of his Jewish subjects, and further, that Jews might have extended to them equal civil and political rights to those enjoyed by their fellow-citizens. The memorial has been forwarded to Russia through Prince Lobanoff, the Russian Ambassador. We have every reason to believe that a public meeting will be held at the Mansion House as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. Many of the leading public men of England—both lay and clerical—including the Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal Manning, the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Bishop of Oxford, the Dean of Westminster, Canon Liddon and Farrar, and many others, have expressed their willingness to assist in publicly denouncing, in the name of the English people, the atrocities in Russia, as well as in helping to raise a fund for the relief of the suffering Jews, and to assist emigration. Mr. F. D. Mocatta, it will be remembered, has earnestly advocated emigration. He has expressed his willingness to subscribe 1 per cent. of the amount contributed to an emigration fund, which, to be completely effectual, he considers should amount in the aggregate to £1,000,000. A meeting of the Russo-Jewish Committee is convened for Monday evening next.—*Jewish Chronicle*.

THE gentleman who reported the particulars of the departure of Sir John Pope Hennessy from Murray Wharf yesterday afternoon, for the evening train, must have a particularly vivid imagination; or his report must have been planted and added to, to suit the well known partiality of his chief for the departed Governor. Political bias notwithstanding, a newspaper report of any public proceeding should be accurate. The public have a right to expect accuracy. In this instance they did not get it; but were palmed off with one more example of the *China Mail's* own particular style of reporting in all matters concerning Governor Hennessy.

IN an article on the work before the English Parliament during the present session, the *Az-publique Française*, referring to the Irish question observes:—"We do not know whether the eminent statesman who presides over the destinies of the Liberal party will succeed in pacifying Ireland. If he does so he will take his place among the greatest and most illustrious benefactors to his country, should he, on the contrary, fail in the difficult task he has so courageously undertaken, he will at least have the consolation of knowing that he has predecessors in failure. The Liberal party did not invent the Irish question. It has existed for three centuries. All statesmen have tried to find a solution—some by violence, others by kindness. Every method has failed. England is at the present moment making a supreme effort in the same direction. In her own interest, as in that of civilisation, our wishes must be for her success."

THE indignant protest raised in England against the abominable persecutions to which the Jews have of late been subjected in the Czar's dominions has found an echo in France. M. Bardeux, the accomplished ex-Minister of Public Instruction, contributes an article to the *Journal des Debats* in which he deplores the revival of atrocities more worthy of the darkest days in the Middle Ages than of the enlightened nineteenth century. After reproaching the Russian Government with its apathy in allowing such disgraceful excesses to take place as those reported from Poland and the southern provinces of the Empire, the writer concludes, "England has been touched by the accounts of these fresh atrocities. We have heard the protests of Lord Shaftesbury. France cannot remain indifferent. Was she not the first nation after Holland to proclaim tolerance? Was not the eighteenth century spent by us in struggling for humanity in the true sense of the word? Did not our fathers inscribe first of all on their flag the principle of human sympathy? The cries of agony raised by the persecuted, whoever they may be, will always find a profound and durable echo in French hearts."

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—I have heard some curious stories about white ants. There's that one of the Ordnance store officer who in his report accounted to the War Office for the disappearance of a quantity of shot and shell by stating that the war material had been devoured by white ants; then there is the more recent case at one of the banks, where these insects had actually eaten several boxes of treasure—boxes and dollars—nothing being left but the nails and hoop-iron with which the boxes were bound; but this was not a total loss, as the white ants were collected and melted down, and something more than one-third of the silver recovered. But a case recently came under my observation which put the two above-mentioned entirely in the shade. A barrel of moulding-sand which came out from England about two or three years ago, was recently opened in our establishment, and in the centre, instead of sand, to about nearly one-half of the extent of the barrel we found a ball of white ants, this congregation having completely eaten out the space it occupied, besides honey-combing the surrounding portions. No flaw or traces of this destructive pest could be found in the staves of the barrel, and how they could have found their way into it seems miraculous. You may possibly think this is a "bender;" if you do, all I ask is that you come down and see it for yourself, for it has excited a great deal of curiosity.—We have not had time to go and see this extraordinary development of appetite in white ants for moulding sand, but have not a shadow of doubt about our friend's veracity.

A RATHER amusing episode occurred in connection with the burial of poor Lapsley, the Coroner's inquiry into the circumstances connected with whose death was concluded yesterday. It appears the undertaker, understanding that the deceased was a Protestant, advised the Rev. Mr. Colville accordingly, with a view to his being present at the cemetery to perform the last rites over the body. Soon afterwards, the undertaker had a note from a gentleman at the Sugar Refinery where Lapsley worked, stating the deceased was a Catholic, whereupon he applied to the Rev. Father Vignano to do the needful, countermanding his communication to the Rev. Mr. Colville. He had scarcely done so, when he happened to meet another gentleman belonging to the sugar Refinery, who assured him that Lapsley was a Protestant, not only that, but a North of Ireland Orangeman, as proved by documents found amongst his papers, and would be buried in the Protestant cemetery. While ruminating perplexed over the strangely contradictory information he had received, the Rev. Mr. Colville came up, and, learning how matters stood, said he would go to the cemetery also, so that however things turned out, there would be some one present to read the Dural service over the body. Father Vignano went too, but, we suppose, seeing that the intention was to bury the body in the Protestant cemetery, gracefully resigned the post of honor to the Rev. Mr. Colville; or it may be, assuming Lapsley really was a Catholic, that the Reverend Father did not consider he was a sufficiently devoted son of the Church to bother himself much about where he was buried. From all we can learn, Father Vignano, it appears, had good grounds for believing that Lapsley was a Catholic, but we are quite at a loss to reconcile this with his being an Orangeman at the same time, for we do not think the Church of Rome can count any converts amongst the members of that strongly Protestant society.

A TELEGRAM from Paris on the 2nd ult. announcing the official declaration of the failure of the Union Générale de Paris, states that M. Doulay had been arrested.

THE German steamer *Nona* and the German ship *Raven* have gone round to Aberdeen today to be docked there, and the British steamer *Arcticon* has gone into the Cosmopolitan Dock.

INSPECTOR Bremmer being about to proceed home on leave, the native shopkeepers of Aberdeen and Apichau, amongst whom he has served several years in various position in the police force, have presented him with a handsome silk flag as a mark of their esteem.

We draw attention to an advertisement in another column, announcing the opening of Colonel the Austin's American Rifle Range at the United Club, where the Colonel will give an exhibition of his prowess with firearms, and instructions how to become a workman are given free of charge.

From a telegram in an Indian paper we observe that an enthusiastic meeting was held in New York on February warmly sympathising with the sufferings of the Jews in Russia, and it was resolved that the United States Government should be requested to intercede to stay their persecution.

THE *Standard* of February 3rd publishes a telegram from St. Petersburg stating that a treaty was signed on the 22nd December between Russia and Persia, for the settlement of the frontier question; by which Russia receives the whole of the Akhal Tekke Oasis to within 16 versts of Serak.

A TELEGRAM from Constantinople to a Calcutta paper on the 2nd ult. states that the Dragomans of the Ambassadors of the Great Powers, with the exception of England and France, have delivered an identical verbal notification that the alteration of the Egyptian *status quo* requires the assent of all the Great Powers.

WITH further reference to the attempt on the life of the Queen, we learn by wire that there was a universal thanksgiving in all the Churches on Sunday for the escape of Her Majesty, and the Lords and Commons have voted a congratulatory address. It is also stated that the would-be assassin is a man named Maclean, who was formerly in a lunatic asylum.

WE learn that the following appointments have been made in the Police Department, consequent on the Hon. W. M. Deane's taking up the post of Acting Colonial Secretary:—Mr. G. H. Horspool, Acting Deputy Superintendent, to be Acting Captain Superintendent; Mr. T. Grey, Acting Chief Inspector, to be Acting Deputy Superintendent; Mr. J. Craddock, Inspector, to be Acting Chief Inspector.

WE regret to hear of the serious illness of Commodore Cumming, who is suffering from diptheria. The commodore has enjoyed but indifferent health for some months past, and he recently took a trip to Canton in the *Vigilant* in the hope of benefiting by the change, but we hear that, having accepted the hospitality of a friend on shore, he was taken so ill whilst at the house that medical advice had to be sent for from Hongkong.

A *Gazette* Extraordinary was issued yesterday, which contained the following notification:—His Excellency Governor Sir John Pope Hennessy, K.C.M.G., having this day departed from the Colony on leave of absence, it is hereby notified that, in accordance with the provisions made in Royal Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, bearing date at Westminster, the Ninth day of April, 1877, the Government of this Colony will be administered, until further notice, by the Honourable Malcolm Struan Trenchard, Acting Colonial Secretary, who has this day been duly sworn in.

THE members of the Portuguese community must feel deeply indebted to the writer of "Editorial Notes" in last night's *China Mail* for his remarks on the address presented by a deputation of Portuguese Civil Servants to Sir John Pope Hennessy on the preceding day. With what aim the comments alluded to were penned, or what they actually mean to convey we would rather not venture to attempt to define. The writer, doubtless, intended to convey something to his readers, but what that something may be, he has kept carefully to himself. Our contemporary must be badly off for "padding" when it condescends to go out of its way to coarsely vilify and grossly insult? for no apparent reason that we can fathom, a certain section of the community, the Portuguese servants of the government, who are admitted even by the *China Mail* to be deserving of all credit.

A PARAGRAPH in last night's *China Mail* referring to the presentation of an address by a deputation of Portuguese gentlemen to H.E. the Governor is, not to use a harsher term, the reverse of accurate. The assertion that "no prior notice was given to the newspapers of the presentation" is untrue; the contemptible insinuation to the effect that the Governor's reply to the address must be taken at whatever worth can be placed on a communicated speech, is worthy of the source from whence it emanates. We received a copy of the address, and an intimation of the hour at which it was to be presented, from the Portuguese gentlemen interested; our representative was present at Government House when the presentation was made and a complete and accurate report of the proceedings appeared in this journal the same afternoon. A newspaper which has the indecency to impute that the late Duke of Newcastle directed Sir John Bowring to appoint Mr. L. Almada e Castro to the Colonial Secretaryship of Hongkong merely because the island was at that time considered one of the most unhealthy of colonies, can hardly feel surprised if respectable people prefer to ignore its existence as a recognised factor in public affairs.

* But not Warrant Officers, viz. :—Conductor, Gunner, Boats-

